

**United States District Court for the District of Alaska** *continued*

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**Ralph R. Beistline**

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
 Education: Alaska 1972 BA; U Puget Sound 1974 JD  
 Began Service: May 24, 2002  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Judge The Honorable Taylor, Superior Court of Alaska (1974-1975)

**Judicial:** Judge, Superior Court of Alaska (1992-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin, LLC (1975-1978); Partner, Hughes, Thorsness, Gantz, Powell & Brundin, LLC (1979-1992)

**Staff**

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**John W. Sedwick**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
 Education: Dartmouth 1968 BA; Harvard 1972 JD  
 Began Service: October 15, 1992  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Government:** Director, Natural Resources Division, State of Alaska (1981-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Burr, Pease & Kurtz (1972-1981); Attorney, Burr, Pease & Kurtz (1983-1992)

**Military Service:** United States Air National Guard (1969-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Anchorage Bar Association, Inc.

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**Timothy Mark Burgess**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
 Education: Alaska 1978 BA, 1982 MBA; Northeastern 1987 JD  
 Began Service: January 2006  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, Alaska District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1989-2001); U.S. Attorney, District of Alaska, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (2001-2005)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Private Practice (1987-1989)

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**James K. Singleton, Jr.**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1939  
 Education: UC Berkeley 1961 AB; Boalt Hall 1964 LLB  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, Alaska Superior Court, Third District (1970-1980); Judge, Alaska Court of Appeals (1980-1990); Judge, United States District Court for the District of Alaska (1990-2004); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of Alaska (1995-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, DeLaney, Wiles, Moore and Hayes (1963); Attorney, DeLaney, Wiles, Moore and Hayes (1965-1968); Attorney, Roger Cremo Law Office (1968-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Alaska Bar Association; American Bar Association; Anchorage Bar Association, Inc.; State Bar of California

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**H. Russel Holland**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
 Education: Michigan 1958 BBA, 1961 LLB  
 Began Service: 1984  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Alaska Supreme Court (1961-1963)

**Legal Practice:** Stevens & Savage (1965-1966); Partner, Stevens, Savage, Holland, Erwin & Edwards (1967-1968); Sole Practitioner, Law Office of H. Russel Holland (1968-1970); Partner, Holland & Thornton (1970-1978); Partner, Holland, Thornton & Trefry; Partner, Holland & Trefry (1978-1984); Trefry & Brecht

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**James M. Fitzgerald**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1920  
 Education: Willamette 1950 BA, 1951 LLB  
 Began Service: March 3, 1975  
 Appointed By: President Gerald Ford  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Alaska, United States Department of Justice (1952-1956); City Attorney, State of Alaska (1956-1959); Legal Counselor, Governor William Allen Egan (R-AK), Office of the Governor, State of Alaska (1959); Commissioner of Public Safety, State of Alaska (1959)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alaska Superior Court, Third District (1959-1972); Associate Justice, Alaska Supreme Court (1972-1975)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1940-1941); United States Marine Corps (1942-1946)

**Staff**

Judicial Assistant **Linda Christensen** ..... (907) 677-6253

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**James A. von der Heydt**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1919  
 Education: Albion 1942 BA; Northwestern 1951 JD  
 Began Service: 1966  
 Appointed By: President Lyndon B. Johnson

**Corporate:** Western Union (1937-1938); Western Union (1942-1943); Weldon Construction Co. (1943-1944); Sommers Construction Co. (1944-1945); Gaasland Construction Co. (1951)

**Government:** Deputy United States Marshal, District of Alaska, United States Department of Justice (1945-1948); United States Attorney, District of Alaska, United States Department of Justice (1951-1953)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alaska Superior Court (1959-1966)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1953-1959)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Deborah M. Smith**

Magistrate Judge

Began Service: February 2007  
 Term Expires: February 2015

**Government:** First Assistant U.S. Attorney, Alaska District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice; U.S. Attorney, Alaska District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice

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**Scott A. Oravec**

Magistrate Judge

Began Service: 2009

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Michael A. Thompson**

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**Michael A. Thompson**

Magistrate Judge

Began Service: 2009

**Staff**

Secretary **Wilma Mayo** ..... (907) 225-7576  
 Began Service: 2009

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge (recalled) John D. Roberts**

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**John D. Roberts**

Magistrate Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1942  
 Education: Hampden-Sydney 1964 BS; Washington and Lee 1968 LLB  
 Began Service: 1977  
 Term Expires: December 31, 2010  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Charles R. Scott, United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (1968-1969)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida, United States Department of Justice (1970-1974); Assistant United States Attorney, District of Alaska, United States Department of Justice (1974-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Phillips, Kendrick, Gearheart & Aylor (1969-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Magistrate Judges Association; The Virginia Bar Association

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